

## Campus Radiomen

## at Manitoba Meeting

## Seek Student-Industry Link

A drive for closer co-operation with the Canadian broadcasting industry was outlined at the annual conference of the Western Association of University Broadcasters held at the University of Manitoba this weekend.

Effective means of achieving this co-operation will take the form of a summer employment scheme based on a similar plan successfully organized in British Columbia this year.

Executive-director of WAUB, John H. Vandermeulen, U of A Radio's vice-president, is in charge of a public relations plan designed to acquaint professional radio stations with the operation of the University radio societies in the four western provinces.

The Western Association of

University Broadcasters was set up ten years ago to provide opportunity for University radio societies to discuss mutual problems, and to exchange ideas and information on University broadcasting.

Its members are the radio societies on the five western camps, with the respective presidents and the executive director comprising the senior executive.

Out of the WAUB grew the Canadian Association of University Broadcasters. This nationwide organization is made up of University radio societies from UBC to Newfoundland.

During the conference the delegates met with members of the press and with Jim Foran, president of the Students' Union at the University of Manitoba.

Later delegates were rushed on a tour of Winnipeg's professional radio stations, including CBC's famed radio and television studios.

## Arson Suspected

Arson is suspected by Burns & Dutton officials in Thursday's fire on the top storey of the new Math-Physics building.

Fire broke out at approximately 8 pm. Since the fire began in an easily-viewed location, it was spotted quickly and little damage was done.

Despite the fact that there was seemingly little to burn, arson is suspected on the basis of a great deal of pitch-impregnated roofing material left on the top storey and several opened bottles of an oxy-acetylene mixture found by the firemen.



student engineer . .

## Greeks Grace Drill Hall With Olive Wreathes And Magic

Several hundred fraternity men and women danced to the music of Tommy Banks' orchestra, Saturday evening, at the annual IFC-sponsored "Club 60".

The Drill hall was decorated in Greek style, with a miniature Parthenon hanging from the ceiling and fraternity names cut out in Greek letters on the

walls.

Highlights of the evening were the entertainment and the crowning of Miss Greek. Entertaining were Mark Cohen, who sang "Mac the Knife" and "A Man's Got to Sing"; John Whittaker and Shelley Bercovitch, who performed "a few feats of legerdemain"; and Ron Bullen, eng 3, who presented a hillbilly act. Chris Evans also participated.

Dave Chetner, eng 4, IFC president, presented the Miss Greek award to Sheran Heppler, arts 2.

Sheran was crowned with an olive wreath and given an engraved bracelet.

Special guests were Dr. W. H. Johns, president of the University, and Mrs. Johns; Dr. L. Cragg, vice-president of the University, and Mrs. Cragg; Judge L. Y. Cairns, chancellor of U of A, and Mrs. Cairns; Dean W. F. Bowker, dean of law, and Mrs. Bowker; Mr. A. A. Ryan, provost, and Mrs. Ryan; Miss Mainie Simpson, dean of women; Dr. M. Van Vliet, director of the school of physical

## Vandermeulen Heads Student Broadcasters

A student long active in radio work at the University of Al-

berta has been elected national chairman of the Canadian Association of University Broadcasters.

John H. Vandermeulen, in education this year after receiving a science degree in 1958, was chosen president of Canada's University broadcasters during a weekend convention at the University of Manitoba.

He fills a position left vacant by the resignation this spring of former chairman David Warren, of Newfoundland's Memorial University. The U of M meeting was the first conference varsity radio-men have held since Warren's resignation.

The CAUB was formed in 1958, and is best organized in Western Canada, with radio societies active at all major Universities, and at the University of Alberta in Calgary.

One of Vandermeulen's chief tasks as new national chairman will be to expand the organization. Student broadcasters in eastern Canada, where they exist, are poorly organized. CAUB's ultimate aim is to establish active radio societies on every campus in Canada.

CAUB was first organized to exchange ideas and information on University broadcasting, and to provide immediate and efficient exchange of news and business via associated amateur radio societies. It also aims at letting the professional broadcasting industry know that University broadcasters are active.

The organization is closely associated with the National Federation of Canadian University students, under whose auspices CAUB was first formed.

Vandermeulen this year is vice-president of the U of A Radio society. Last year he was president, and he has twice served on the executive of the Western Association of University Broadcasters, once as president. A past member of the U of A's presidential radio committee, he is on the 1959-60 editorial board of The Gateway.

## General Meeting

## 18 Of 200 Members Attend Meeting, Disband ASUS

The Arts and Science Undergraduate society was formally dissolved at a general meeting November 25.

Of the 200 members of ASUS, 18 showed up. ASUS stated in a press release that "We can assume that the other 182 members did not care if it was dissolved."

Two votes were required to decide on the disbanding. On the first vote, eight were in favor of retaining the organization, and seven were in favor of dissolving it. The seven-member executive voted in favor of dissolution. Later it was discovered that one of the people voting against it was not an ASUS member, making the vote a tie, and thus requiring another vote. Three more members showed up. The second vote was 13 in favor of dissolution, five against.

The executive gave its reasons for wanting the organization to be discontinued. The main reason is the diversity of the faculty of arts and science. There is no common tie to bind the students, as there are in the faculties of engineering and education, a spokesman pointed out. The ASUS was without over-all purpose, and existed for the sake of existence.

Drina Hutchison, president of ASUS this year, said her executive had explored several possible ways of re-juvenating ASUS. A complete review of previous shortcomings had been prepared last summer, and actions planned to forestall them this year. The reme-

dial plans had no effect.

An attempt the week before to disband the organization was stalled by Dr. D. E. Smith, dean of the faculty of arts and science. He said that dissolution by an order in council was "quite improper". He suggested the general meeting that was held last Wednesday, so that the decision could be reached "by members, not the executive".

The executive has recommended that no arts and science undergraduate organization be re-formed for several years, as ASUS has seldom been successful on campus.

It folded before, during the 1940's, but was re-established in 1952. A Mardi Gras dance, scheduled for several years after 1952, was successful, but was perennially the society's sole success.

Bruce Jackson, law 2, was president of ASUS three years ago. He stated that this year's attendance at the meeting seemed much more active than it ever has been before. During his presidency, a \$200 banquet had been planned for their members, which was given much effort and publicity. Seven couples attended. At the meeting at which this matter was voted on, two mem-

bers showed up. One voted in favor of it, and the other abstained.

Certain aspects of the organization will be retained. The arts and science's entry in the Interfaculty Drama Festival this year was not withdrawn, and will likely continue in the future. A faculty-wide election will be held every year to choose an Students' Council, and for the faculty representatives to the Waukegan society and the World University Service will be maintained. The 1959-60 executive will continue to perform some of its functions, and will co-operate with the faculty office in any faculty-wide campaign.



ASUS went under after this vote during a special suicide meeting of the arts and science faculty club Wednesday. Of some 1,500 students enrolled in the faculty, 200 had joined ASUS; 18 attended the meeting. Final vote, after much raking through old coals, 13 for dissolution, 5 against.



## Autonomy In Student Government

By a decision made at its fall meeting, the Committee on Student Affairs has sole and complete power of approval over the budget of the University Athletic Board. The Students' Council, as such, has none but commentary power over this budget, which yearly directs the expenditure of an estimated 45,000 or 50,000 student dollars.

Thus is the degree of autonomy which students hold over our own affairs, further reduced.

The Committee on Student Affairs is a body—comprising voting faculty and voting student members—which “supervises” student government and extracurricular life at the University of Alberta. Considering the degree to which student business bears directly upon the University as a whole, and considering the all-too-common conception that students are not competent to handle our own affairs, the existence of a “supervisory” body can perhaps be justified.

However, when this body steps out of the role of supervisor, and begins to make student decisions on its own, it steps too far.

The fact that students sit and vote on this committee gives COSA no basis to claim exercise of final power over an area rightly within the jurisdiction of student government. COSA is not a student committee.

The student members do not sit as the body, Students' Council, and they do not always vote and deliberate as they might in a strictly stu-

dent meeting. Intended or unintended, the presence of academic and administrative personnel creates an aura of formality not conducive to free expression of student thought.

The Committee on Student Affairs must be re-established as a committee of review, in which student and faculty representatives can discuss student decisions which students have made.

In its present form—as the sole instrument of authority over at least one aspect of student affairs—this committee cannot be regarded as remaining acceptable to the student body.

## Freedom

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers have beaten Hamilton's Tiger Cats, and Canada is some half a million hangovers wealthier. Playboy magazine has undressed nine French actresses, and peddled their dishabille in the name of entertainment. The engineers of this University have issued a crude little newspaper of technical and physical filth, by which they hope to perpetuate a reputation of manliness.

In establishing Grey Cup Day as a mass drunk, in ogling Playboy nudes, in putting filth to paper, we are Canadians practicing our rights. We are democrats, refusing to cheapen our freedoms by adherence to such restrictions as morality or temperance.

## Plenty At 60

Saturday's Club 60 dance, sponsored by the IFC and Panhellenic society, was one of excesses: an excess of corn-meal on the floor, an excess of band intermissions, and an excess of distinctly mediocre entertainment.

It may be ingrained into a fraternity man that an evening is incomplete unless most of the people fall flat on their faces; however, the sowers could have been slightly less generous with the corn-meal. All that corn-meal and children are starving in Bhutan.

When an organization pays an orchestra to play at a function, it is assumed that it will play during the majority of the time for which it is being paid. Musicians' union power may be great, but two out of three hours is not a

good average.

Perhaps the reason for the lack of humor in the floor show was the purge-clause, which required that it be clean. Contributing to a weak half-time show were many acts which were out of place. White-shirted and high-heeled University students are not the crowd for magician acts.

Considering the size of this campus, and the fact that good entertainers have been produced in the past, it is obvious that the search for suitable talent did not go far enough.

Club 60's surface cost per couple was \$3, which paid for no food but a coke and the odd potato chip. At half the price, it would have been a steal.

## The ASUS' End

After two hours of discussion by 18 of a potential 1,500 members, the Arts and Science Undergraduate society was disbanded last week. But for the braying of jubilation that tradition demands of other faculties, the ASUS is dead.

There is a degree of shame attached to the folding of any organization; in its dissolution is seen failure to accomplish its ends. But students in arts and science need feel no shame at the folding of ASUS.

The day-to-day ends this organization sought to serve were peripheral; and the gathering on “common ground” of students in the general or specific arts or sciences was a goal both unhealthy and impossible.

ASUS, because it could do nothing else, was a social organization. While claiming greater purpose, its activity was restricted to the scheduling of events which other organizations better handled. At its best, ASUS merely duplicated.

What felled the organization, and what dogged every phase of its existence, was that ASUS attempted to unify the diverse faculty of arts and science. It attempted to take the French student and physicist, psychologist and English major, and lump them into one round ball rolling towards a common pin.

The pin was not there. And, if education in the arts and sciences is to have any more value than as preparation for “living with others,” it should never be there.

Diversity is the strength of the faculty of arts and science as it was, in less complicated times, the strength of the University. To reduce all this diversity to a “common” level is to suck out what value exists in arts and science education.

The ASUS is dead. Long live the diversity which killed it.

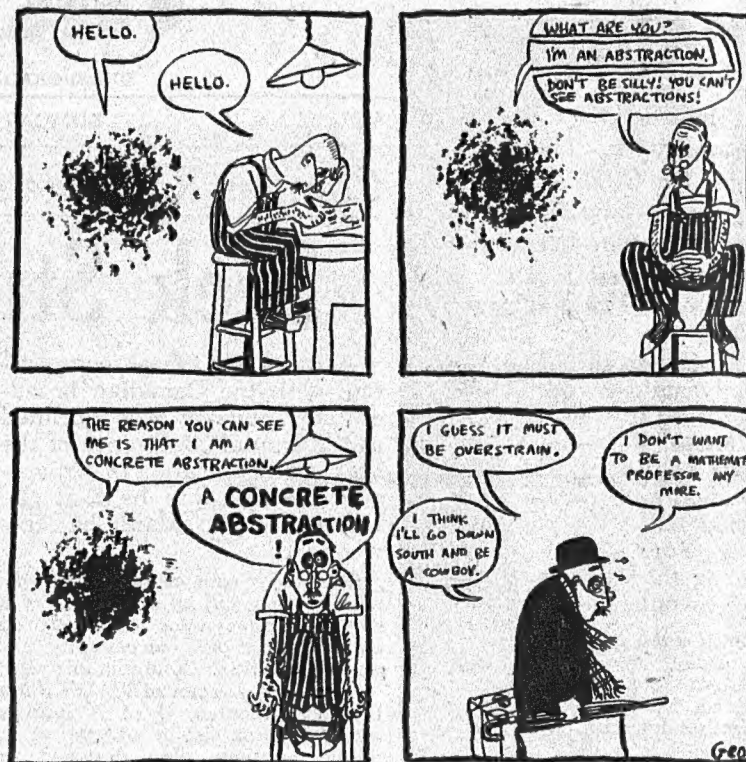
## Rutherford Experiment

Today a trial begins at the Rutherford library. For the shrunken month of December, study room doors will be opened early, that students may spend extra library hours gearing for Christmas exams.

Early opening of the Rutherford is being tested to see if enough students will avail themselves of the opportunity to spend more hours studying. Regardless of the results of that test, the Rutherford library should be kept open longer that it has been in the past.

Arrangements should be made to extend open library hours later into the night, and to make books accessible to all students on week-ends. Public study facilities should remain open Saturday night and Sunday afternoons.

Extension of library hours will relieve congestion in the reading rooms. It will also give students opportunity for longer periods of uninterrupted concentration.



## Letters To The Editor

### Internal Affair

To the Editor:

In regard to your editorial of November 24, concerning the petition which is being circulated at this campus about the Hungarian student freedom fighters, I would like to offer the following viewpoint.

You state that there can be no question that if these executions are going on, they should be stopped.

I would like you to offer one reason why these executions should be stopped, besides this nebulous idea of this being in the “name of humanity”.

These are internal affairs of a sovereign nation, and we have no right whatsoever to interfere. These freedom fighters were revolutionaries, they attempted to overthrow the legal government, which was recognized by all the countries of the world, therefore the Hungarian government has every right to deal with these people any way it sees fit. You might say these students were not mature enough to realize what they were doing. What does that say for University students as a whole?

I would like to state here, that I am not in agreement with the ideology of the present Hungarian government, for this action. If a similar revolution were attempted in Canada we would most certainly punish the offenders. Treason re-

mains as such, whether behind the “iron curtain” or in the “free world”. If there is to be any peace in the world, we must stop using two different standards for the West and the East.

We did not protest when the U.S. executed Communists for treason. Have we the right to protest to Hungary?

Kurt Rees,  
Arts 2

EDITOR'S NOTE—Any right of protest rests on the democratic belief that certain freedoms should be enjoyed by all of mankind, and on the religious and moral grounds of humanity, which should likewise transcend political boundaries.

### Underground Affair

To the Editor:

I am an Artsman. I am also a perturbed freshman. My faculty club has folded up and I'm sorry. So what? Quite simply—I have a few things to get off my chest. These concern a select group of artsmen, scientists and abundant other apathetic and dispirited members of faculty clubs. What is the matter with these people? Why did they spend their money on membership cards when they had no intention of fulfilling certain obligations of support to their faculty, the executive of their club, and the minute

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# "Absurd Man" Proves West Dead

"The true gift to the future is generosity to the present," stated Dr. C. H. Moore, speaking to a meeting of the Humanities association November 19. His paper was titled: "Albert Camus: Is Humanism Possible?"

A Los Angeles newspaper recently stated, said Dr. Moore, that if an enemy bomber were to attack Washington, the precious copies of the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights would not be destroyed. The New York Times concurred, adding the comment, "But our spirit would be crushed."

Such is the position of the humanist today, said Dr. Moore. The Western humanist cannot blame Russian barbarians or irresponsible scientists for the ills of this world, for "he has failed to take human precautions."

North African-born Albert Camus is not a humanist, and considers himself a poet rather than a philosopher. In his works, he has attempted to understand the philosophy of the "absurd man" and these attempts have been labelled both "saintly" and "sinful". Camus, who won the Nobel prize for literature in 1957, concerns himself with how Western philosophy has sinned and still sins against itself, but he insists that the Western humanist can bring about a true Renaissance.

Dr. Moore interprets Camus' "instinctive fidelity to a light" as the well-spring of his belief that humanism is possible. His upbringing on the desert has made him aware of the eternal enigma of life.

Camus' "heart is Greek," says Dr. Moore. He respects courage enlightened by experience and realism. With the Greeks, Camus holds to the idea of limits, and so he calls Europe "the daughter of excess . . . It is indecent to claim today that we are the sons of Greece." In this excess we make will as reason—making it "powerful but pitiless . . . there is still a cup of hemlock for a modern Socrates to sip."

Camus is not a Christian. He professes great admiration for brotherhood and moderation as taught by Christ, but feels himself to be incapable of the complete

surrender of heart required by Christianity. He cites the atrocities committed in French Algeria and in Franco's Spain in the name of Christianity and maintains that it is the "historic spirit of totality which Christianity developed" that is destroying the world today.

War seems to Camus to be the culmination of Western excess. Between 1922 and 1947 seven million Europeans were killed or uprooted and deported. This is the work, according to Camus, of "ignoble Europe" busy with "insane isms". He maintains that it is a "modest love" of man that we should be seeking.

What is truth? We do not know, says Camus, but we do know what lies are. Heroism doesn't amount to much, in his estimation, and happiness is even harder to achieve. But man is the force which in the end always balances the tyrants and the gods.

The philosophy of meaninglessness is for Camus another sign that the West is dead. No thriving civilization could accept the existential—the primacy of irrationality and impulse. Those who claim "life is absurd", according to Camus, crave the truth and are discouraged because they discover only more and more relative truths.

In his books, Camus has tried to find out how one can live with no higher sense of life than that of the "absurd" sentiment. Since suicide is not an answer, such a man must live in "constant conscious revolt". The absurdist lives quantitatively, not qualitatively—he makes no value judgments. This leads to "unsurpassed egotism". But, says Camus, "living itself is a value judgement."

Man can't be happy in exile or oblivion—he must find his definition. This is the conclusion drawn in Camus' book "Cross Purposes". He goes on to illustrate that in an existence where men are reduced to God for hope, it makes no difference how a man lives.

In a later book, Camus paints a picture of a community facing extinction by a plague. By realizing their common humanity the citizens of the doomed city survive, united in something beyond blasphemy or paper. It is love of man that transcends an apparent senselessness in life. There are in men more things to admire than to scorn. Through irony Camus shows that ruthless absurdist logic leads only to murder and that philosophies of meaningless existence are self-destructive.

On the subject of justice, Camus feels that the absurdist adds to the world's injustice. "There is no one justice, but there are human limits". No one rule can solve all problems, but if a concept can solve some inconsistencies, it is valuable. If revolt is for the goal of total justice, it is useless because the goal is impossible to achieve.

In a political context, meaninglessness leads to equally irresponsible consequences. When values are relegated to the future, present life and men can be exterminated with no qualms. Such men replace the "cruel indifferent gods". Camus does not agree with the totalitarian ideology that evils should be suffered now so that the future can be perfect.

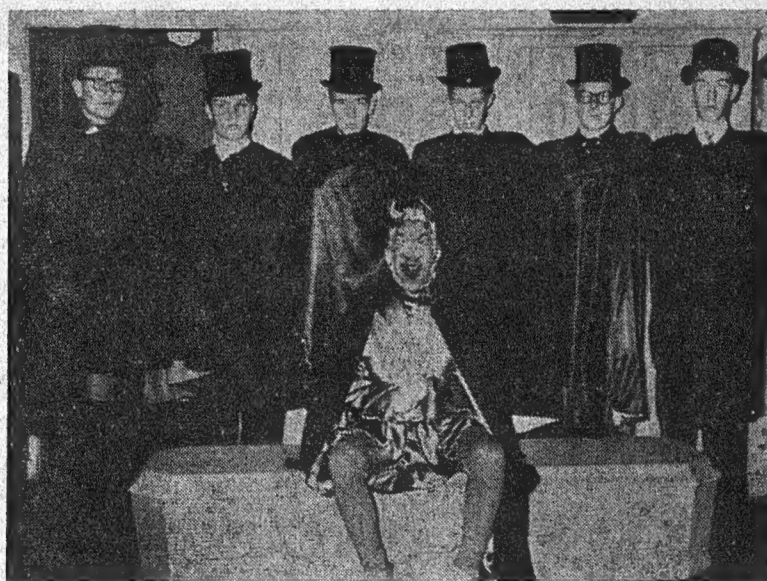
Our all-or-nothing attitude, says Camus, has achieved total negation. Man is asked to live with absolute duties in anticipation of a future church or state on earth. The fault with this totalitarianism lies in the fact that the victims will no longer be here to judge the results of their sacrifices. Complete innocence and freedom are to be worshipped, not known, for they are beyond man's reach.

Camus maintains that there is no confusion on the Isles of Greece. There can we perhaps preserve a

concept of humanism.

The first task of humanism is to preserve human evidence of beauty, freedom, justice and innocence—those things which history does not record. This requires intelligence, not revolt. Camus says the prerequisites are a recognition of a calm human nature and a refusal to go beyond limits which will degrade this denomination. The goal is possible only if humanists accept their obligations, and the only alternative is the familiar "mystification of the masses", or a web of deception.

Dr. Moore concluded his interpretation of Camus' works with the observation that the Western humanist can too easily become involved in false satisfactions, such as scholarship, that do not touch humanity. In common with the creative artist, the humanist is a "witness of the flesh", and to fulfill his obligation to mankind he must remain such.



Six pallbearers and a corpse were part of the entertainment at Friday night's Oriental Orgy, sponsored by U of A nurses and engineers. Inside the coffin is all that remains of the Arts and Science Undergraduate society, whose death caused the engineers' much jubilation.

## Czechoslovakian Students Merit Stipends And Vacations With Pay

### A CUP Feature

There appear to be more restrictions on Czech students than their Soviet or Polish counterparts, and in general their system does not seem as liberal.

All students start their scholastic life in the elementary nine-year schools. At the age of 15 the student finds a more diversified system. There are three levels. Of great importance are specialized institutions and apprentice schools, providing theoretical and practical training for industry. Secondary schools are conducted for workers in factories, and there are generally two to three year secondary schools.

To enter University each applicant must write an exam in the subject he hopes to stress. However, the number of applicants exceeds the space available, and less fortunate ones are directed into other branches of study, mainly in the technical area.

Professors and experts approved by the Ministry of Education and Culture, draft the University curricula which includes such compulsory subjects as political economy, dialectical and historical materialism and "the foundation of scientific socialism".

The curricula are said to contain all that the student needs to know to pass, and the textbooks are prepared along its outlines.

All students may participate in collective or individual talks with professors "to aid them in maintaining good study habits". In addition they are in contact with the student committees.

If the student misbehaves socially or politically, the committee can send him to work in a factory for one year. As one committee member stated, "Should they come from rich families, who opposed the entrance of the new regime, they may be sent to work in a factory until such time as the workers are satisfied that they can participate fully in the new regime of workers and peasants."

During the first year of the eight year study period in University, students work five days a week in a factory, and study one day at the University. In the second year, they become full time students, but in the last year six to ten weeks of work are required from them halfway through the study period. During that time all ex-

penses, such as travel and accommodation, are paid for by the state. Student stipends are also continued.

In the first year students are given 200 crowns a month for ten months (tourist rate is seven to a dollar). During vacation students may travel or work to supplement their stipends. In the second year this amount is raised to 400 a month, in the third to 600, in the fourth to 800, and in the final year to 1,000. There is also an additional stipend for those with high marks.

All students receive the same basic stipend even if they live at home. Those who live in hostels pay 2 crowns 60 heller a month—the

balance is paid by the state—for lunch and breakfast, and 50 crowns a month for a two-bed room or 20 crowns for a five-bed room, often with bunk beds. Rooms range from rather modern and spacious to little better than the worst cubicles in some of our YMCA's. The price of the room includes light, radio, and two or three blankets.

In Czechoslovakia some provision is also made to cut the students' transportation costs. Students may buy bus tickets in Prague for 30 crowns a month. However, if they use only two particular bus routes they receive an even greater reduction, paying only 1.8 crowns a month.

## Manitobans Oust Pink Politicians

Winnipeg (CUP)—More than 400 jeering students forced Alderman Jacob Penner to halt his speech on Communism, and turn the platform over to his son, a law student at the University of Manitoba.

But the booing, shouting, and shuffling continued as Roland Penner attempted to speak to the meeting of the Socialist Youth League of Canada held in the engineering building.

Battling against catcalls, he

told the crowd, "The fight against Communism does not include a resort to force." "What about Hungary?" the students chanted.

Penner admitted, "It is true that the restriction of speech in Russia had been strict up to 1956."

A student yelled, "It still is." Penner replied, "Taking the law into your own hands violates the principles you purport to defend. What has driven you to this point?" "You!" screamed the students.

A week ago Alderman Penner was heckled from the podium at the last meeting of the SYL by 100 drum-beating demonstrators as he tried to speak on the inevitability of Communism.

Today a boisterous crowd jammed the same room of the engineering faculty, and the alderman was forced to stop his speech. His son, a leader of the Communist party in the current mock parliament elections, then attempted to speak on the "Evolution of Society."

The crowd damaged desks in the room, and the University administration moved to close the room to future meetings of any kind.

The meeting was the last in a series of talks sponsored by the SYL. The League was granted permission to send a delegation to Wednesday's meeting of Students' Council to protest the ousting of Alderman Penner.

Monday another demonstration cut short Communist speaker Leonard Kaminski during a student election forum. As he started to speak students booed. Others brought in a stretcher bearing a student with a placard on his chest which said, "I was a free-thinking Hungarian student."

No major disturbances erupted, but the meeting broke up. Speakers for other parties contesting Thursday's mock election were heard without interruption.

## Letters Continued

nucleus of students who were genuinely interested? Two general meetings of the Arts and Science Undergraduate society were held to allow members a voice in planning the program for this year. Why didn't these abstaining shirkers attend? Membership cards weren't just sold to gain money or statistics, but rather to give the students in a widely diverse faculty a common ground on which to get acquainted. As in the past, these students have not supported what could have become one of the most challenging organizations on campus. Instead they have allowed, through lack of concern, the dissolution of ASUS. The executive of ASUS is to be most highly commended for the valiant effort they made trying to redeem their club. I know how defeated they must feel. I found that by trying to interest my fellow students in the final and deciding meeting I drew only yawns and miserable excuses. But all is not lost! One tiny glimmer of interested souls is still seeking a haven of fellowship. We want to form a nucleus of our own and we don't want any condescending, apathetic, fickle artistsmen to show up.

Agitated Artsman

Editor's Note—On this campus, the AA might be more successful than the ASUS.



## Xmas Coming—

## And So Passes A Term

The fall term of the year 1959 is nearly gone, with only two weeks of lectures left before the Christmas exams.

Various campus clubs and organizations have had their chance to put on their dances; fraternities have had their parties, their rushing functions, and their quota of pledges; the University has had a homecoming weekend and almost half the people actually did go home; ASUS finally has given up the ghost; the engineers gave it a decent burial and invited the nurses over for the wake; the first year women have had their lecture from Dr. Vant!

The Gateway has had the city cops and the Cameron report to keep it occupied. With exams so alarmingly near, and work piled up from midterms, or even beyond that, the staff is beginning to get an attack of butterflies. No more wasted evenings, no more sitting around the coffee urn on press nights, forgetting that such things as books actually do exist.

Only a few more events are slated before the exams. Saturday, the Residence Christmas banquet will be held in Athabasca hall, and on December 13, WUS will hold its International Christmas party in Wauneita lounge.

The Christmas exams are scheduled for December 16 to December 22, after which the twelve-day holiday begins. Students will be hurrying off the campus for a well earned, in most cases, twelve-day holiday, while others will be hurrying off into seclusion with good intentions of studying; all depending on how each feels that he has made out in his exams.

This holiday will carry us over into the new year, and classes will begin on January 4, 1960. As usual, all will return with newly made resolutions to study harder and achieve better marks in the February exams. How well these resolutions will have been adhered to will come out on their February results.

The first weekend after the return to varsity will be well filled, with Pembina residence dance on Friday, January 8; Commerce dance on Saturday, January 9; and Musical club concert on Sunday, January 10. The next weekend begins on Thursday with the House Ec. formal, Tri-Service Ball, Education formal, and Athabasca residence dance.

Mixed chorus will give three concerts, January 25, 26, and 27, in Convocation hall. The McGoun Cup debates will be held January 29.

The first week in February will be taken over by the "blue jackets" as they campaign for the Engineer's Queen. Some stalwart members of the ASUS, not caring that theirs is a dead cause, will try to kidnap the said queen candidates, and make the royal bodyguard look ridiculous. The engineers, in turn, will try to send a few diehard artisans to the hospital, or into the hydraulic tank. Saturday night, February 6, the engineers will crown their choice for queen, at the Engineer's Ball.

The Faculty of Medicine is not without say in this term's program of events. The annual "Med Show" will be staged on February 4 and 5. This will in no way conflict with whatever the engineers have planned, for as one med put it: "We are catering to an entirely different crowd . . . the human species". Bitterness resulted last year between the two faculties when some meds were discovered tearing down the queen campaign posters, and the engineers complained about this to the Disciplinary committee. The meds were fined.

Varsity Guest Weekend will be

held from the 25 to 28 of February. Faculties will exhibit displays, Varsity Varieties will stage three performances, and athletic competitions will be held.

Month of March will begin with the Interfraternity Songfest competitions sponsored by the IFC and Panhellenic society.

The first week of March will be Students' Union election week. Candidates for various positions on the campus roll of big-wigs will come around shaking hands and kissing babies. The week will be climaxed by the election of a new Students' Council for the following term.

The last open function of the year will be "Bar None", put on by the Ags. It proved to be such an overwhelming success, when it first appeared fifteen years ago, that it has been an annual event ever since.

The final event of the year will be Color Night. This is designed to honor outstanding personalities on the campus who have contributed much of their time and effort to student government, cultural activities, and to other Students' Union organizations. The committee consists of two Students' Council members, two Gold Key society members, and the Co-ordinator of Students' affairs.

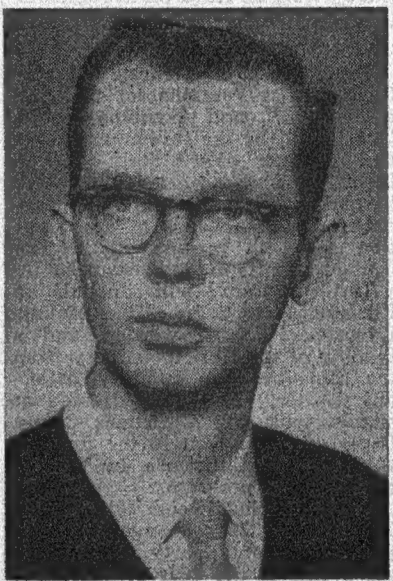
## Radiation Control Group Organizes

The Student Committee on the Control of Radiation Hazards was organized under the chairmanship of Keith Wright last Thursday. So far, it has the status of an interim committee.

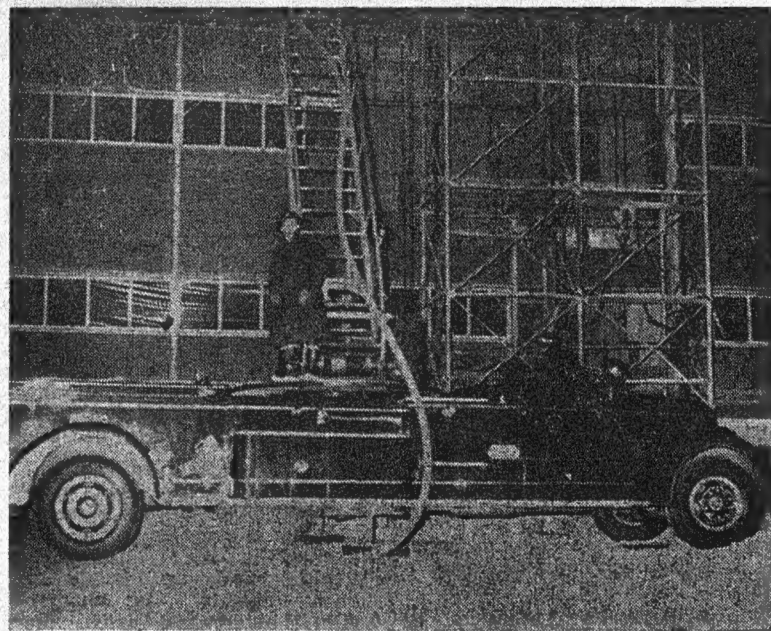
Mrs. Van Stolk, co-chairman of the Edmonton committee, gave a resume of the efforts to organize a national committee on the Council of Radiation Hazards. She summed up the purposes of the proposed national committee, which are: to evaluate the problem of artificial radiation increase as a moral and scientific problem; to support a UN or other nuclear test-ban agreement; and to conduct research and promote effective measures of radiation control.

Prof. D. D. Betts of the physics department gave a concise account of what is known and what is guessed at about ionizing radiation. He pointed out that nuclear testing is not necessary from a scientist's point of view, or from the military's, since both sides in the cold war possess more than enough bombs already.

Following a short discussion period, Keith Wright was elected chairman of the interim committee by acclamation. The committee will meet with faculty members on the Edmonton committee and prepare a program of lectures, panels, and debates. Committee members are Inger Jacobsen, secretary, Peter Paris, Ann Millward, Grant Notley and Lawrence Radcliffe.



Keith Wright



The Math-Physics building's ever-distant completion date almost suffered further postponement Thursday night, when flames ate through building materials high on the steel structure. The flames drew a city fire rig, a ring of student spectators, and a workman's suggestion of "arson".

## Seek To Cure Society

Winnipeg (CUP)—Governments and Universities throughout the Commonwealth will be approached by the University of Manitoba in an effort to cure what they term basic diseases in this community.

The students will recommend that a permanent Commonwealth consultative council be set up, and that Universities set up model councils.

At the first meeting of U of M's model council held last weekend, some of the 28 delegates felt that the ability to compromise was one of the basic diseases now attacking the Commonwealth.

This, they believed, leads to "superficiality", and the refusal to discuss pressing problems for fear of hurting someone's feelings.

Resolutions passed by the council include:

- that a permanent Commonwealth council be set up, consisting of equal delegations from each independent member and of observers from the remaining colonies for the discussion of matters of common concern, and that these be held in the judge's private chamber.
- that internal matters having international implication be discussed at the Commonwealth conferences.
- that the Commonwealth move to-

wards further and more effective economic and cultural co-operation for the mutual benefit of member nations.

—that similar model Commonwealth councils be set up at other Universities in the Commonwealth.

Wilfred Queen-Hughes, a leading member of the Winnipeg branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, opened the discussion by saying that the genius and perhaps the failure of the Commonwealth lay in its ability "to find formulae for avoiding things."

Compromise is the solution the Commonwealth puts forth for all differences, Mr. Queen-Hughes said. He felt that this habit would lead eventually to the gradual dying out of all differences.

Britain's attitude to parts of the Commonwealth was seen as essentially paternalistic, and one delegate said that she acts as though "father knows best" all the time.

Another delegate objected, stating that Britain's "meddling" was directed by worthy motives, and a sincere desire to help the countries concerned.

A faculty member, Dr. W. H. Hull, pointed out that one of the central problems the Commonwealth faces is the conflict between the desire for national autonomy and the desire to attain a common Commonwealth viewpoint on international questions.

## WUS To Hold Xmas Party

The WUS Christmas Party for this year will be held on December 13 at 8:30 pm. in Wauneita lounge, SUB.

All international and Canadian students are welcome to the annual Christmas event. Guests are requested to bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange with someone else at the party. These will be distributed by Santa Claus, John Decore.

Patron of the event is Professor R. Robinson of the mathematics department, who comes from the West Indies. Free refreshments will be served.

## TAC Band Treats Con Hall To Wide Repertoire

The dark grey uniforms of the Air Force predominated in Convocation hall Wednesday evening, November 26 when the RCAF Training Command band presented its annual concert.

Contrary to the opinion of most campus inhabitants, the band does not restrict itself to marches, but plays many classical, as well as popular pieces, thus giving the audience a chance to hear and enjoy the type of music that has most appeal to them.

Last Wednesday was no exception; the civilians outnumbered the music lovers of the Air Force reserve contingent by a ratio of almost three to one.

The band, under the direction of Flight Lieutenant Carl Friberg, C.D., launched into its salute to Canada, then proceeded with a variety of classical and popular music. Featured soloist of the evening was Miss Katherine Read. A novelty piece by Haydn, The Toy Symphony, drew much merriment and applause from the audience. The dixieland jazz quartet was well received by the audience.

The evening was formally brought to a close by Lieutenant J. Maltais of the RCN(R), who thanked the band and its director on behalf of the three services, Army, Navy, and Air Force, who sponsored the concert.

## Gateway Short Shorts

## Official Notices

Beginning December 1, several areas of Rutherford library will open at earlier hours as follows:

Reserve Reading room—8:15 am.  
Main Reference Reading room—8:30 am.  
Medical Reading room—8:30 am.  
Applied Science Reading room—8:30 am.

Bruce B. Peel  
Librarian

## Miscellaneous

Ride available every morning for 8:30 classes from 70 Avenue and 93 Street. Phone Paul at GE 3-6548.

"Christmas Special" chartered bus for Valleyview, Donnelly, Corner, Peace River and Grimshaw leaves from Pembina hall at 11 pm., Tuesday, December 22, and returns to U of A from Grimshaw at 11 am., Sunday, January 3. Tickets available from Miss Forseth at the physics department office, arts 104, until December 15. Limited number will be sold. No phone calls accepted.

## Club Announcements

WUS seminar delegates of last year will show slides of their West Indies trip Wednesday, December 2, in West lounge, SUB, at 8:30 pm.

## Religious Notes

Ilarion club will meet in Wauneita lounge, SUB, on Sunday, December 6 at 2:30 pm.

Obnova club will hold a communion breakfast Sunday, December 6 at St. Joseph's Cathedral at 8:30 am.

SCM will present a lecture on "The Historical Conflict Between Christian Belief and Evolution" by Prof. R. Nursall on Thursday, December 3 at 12:30 pm. in arts 120.

Theolog club will hold an evening vespers and carol sing at St. Stephen's college Tuesday, December 1 at 10 pm. The service will be conducted by Rev. V. R. Wishart, United Church chaplain on campus.

"The Essentials of the Christian Faith" will be the theme of discussion held Wednesday evening, December 2 at 9 pm. in Rev. V. R. Wishart's study.

## Sports Board

Students interested in playing intramural basketball or inter-faculty hockey for arts and science should sign forms in the Arts, Med or Students' Union buildings before December 4. For additional information call Neil Graham, 55 Athabasca, at GE 3-2570.

## Lost and Found

Found: blue and silver Waterman's cartridge fountain pen near St. Joseph's parking lot. Owner call Walter Walchuk at GA 5-5042.

Found: wallet containing considerable amount of money in St. Joseph's college after first Newman club function. Owner call Dave McKenzie at GE 9-2154.